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## HON. H. H. EVANS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

W. O. TATUM OF ORANGEBURG, CHOSEN COMMISSIONER.

Miss LaBorde Elected State Librarian—Messrs. Towill and Boykin Members of the Board.

(Special to Herald and News.)

Columbia, January 21.—In joint session of the general assembly today Hon. C. A. Woods was elected associate justice of the supreme court to succeed himself. Mr. Woods had no opposition.

D. B. Puerifoy and J. O. Wingo were elected members of the board of directors of the State penitentiary.

Miss Linnie LaBorde was elected State librarian to succeed herself. She was opposed by several ladies.

W. O. Tatum, of Orangeburg, was chosen liquor commissioner.

The Hon. H. H. Evans, of Newberry, was elected chairman of the dispensary board of directors, receiving 99 votes. Mr. Evans was opposed by Former Senator and now County Treasurer McDermotte, of Horry.

### THE DISPENSARY DIRECTORS.

Messrs. John Bell Towill, of Batesburg, and Boykin, of Kershaw, were elected members of the board of dispensary directors.

The board, as will be seen, will be constituted as follows:

H. H. Evans, chairman; John Bell Towill and Boykin.

Columbia, January 21.—The general assembly convened yesterday at noon after a recess taken since last Saturday. The day was very uneventful in both houses, except for a message from Governor Heyward in regard to lynching and an address by Senator Latimer.

Senator Latimer's address was made at 1 o'clock, in response to an invitation sent him last week. It was a presentation of arguments in support of his bill now pending in Congress to secure government aid in the building of good roads.

### GOVERNOR DENOUNCES THE MOB.

Governor Heyward's special message, which, it will be seen, was inspired by the recent lynching in Dorchester county, was as follows:

To the Honorable the Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

In my annual message to your honorable body reference was made to lawlessness in our State, the frequent occurrence of lynching being dealt with particularly. The necessity of respect being paid to the law by civilized communities was urged in this connection. You, the law-makers, had not been assembled here a week when another evidence of this lawless spirit is given in the lynching at Reevesville.

The governor is popularly credited with the power to prevent or punish these outrages against the

State. In reality he is practically powerless. When notified, he may sometimes frustrate the mob by the employment of troops, but when the crime has been committed his hands are practically tied. The meagre rewards he has been empowered to offer out of his contingent fund have proven ineffectual, and this is as far as he is permitted to go. In the meantime the spirit of lawlessness is unchecked. Any band of lawless men may feel secure in taking the life of a fellow-being on almost any pretext. This deplorable condition ought to be remedied. To compel greater respect, the proper respect, for the majesty of the law I recommend the enactment of special legislation in reference to lynching, that the great responsibility of officials directly charged with enforcing the law be brought home to them, and that more effectual measures be taken for the apprehension of persons who take the law in their own hands.

In lieu of some legislation, I suggest that the governor be provided with an adequate fund for the purpose of suppressing lynching—a fund that may be used in offering suitable rewards or in obtaining evidence against lynchers in such manner as may be deemed best.

I sincerely regret the necessity for this and am not desirous of additional responsibilities, but I will not shirk any duty that the general assembly may see fit to impose for the welfare and good name of South Carolina.

D. C. Heyward,  
Governor.

The memorial from the State Temperance Law and Order League was received in both houses as information.

In the house an unfavorable report was received on the bill to change the time for the meeting of the general assembly to the second Tuesday in May.

### IN THE SENATE.

Senator Brice introduced a petition from the women of Yorkville asking for the removal of a dispensary by popular vote.

Senator Hardin's concurrent resolution providing for the change of the name of the Columbia Female college to Columbia college and empowering the trustees to dispose of the present property if desired, was passed and sent to the house.

A resolution was passed granting a charter to the South Carolina Immigration society.

Senator Butler's bill to exempt Confederate soldiers from peddlers' and hawkers' licenses was sent to the house.

### SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

A negro named Jim Stevens, living on Mr. J. D. Prothro's place, about seven miles from Aiken, was shot and killed by Mr. Jackson Fanning, the overseer. The trouble grew out of a dispute over watering stock. The negro shot Mr. Fanning with a shot-gun, peppering his face with bird shot.

The executive committee has issued a call for a meeting of the State Republican convention on the 24th day of February.

## URGENT NEED FOR A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

NOW BEING DISCUSSED BY THE CITIZENS OF PROSPERITY.

Another Meeting This Afternoon to Hear Committee Report—Statement of Prosperity's Financial Condition.

The citizens of School District No. 14, in which is comprised the town of Prosperity, met in the school building at Prosperity on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the matter of a new school building. The attendance was very small. After very little discussion the matter was referred to a committee which will report to an adjourned meeting to be held in the school building next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The matter of a new school building has been agitated in Prosperity for several years past. A little more than a year ago an election was held on the question of voting bonds to the amount of \$5,000 for this purpose but the bond issue failed by a very narrow majority.

The old building in which the meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon is sufficient argument for a new building. It is an old wooden structure in a dangerous locality, being situated just against the Columbia, Newberry and Latrens railroad track. It has long since served its use and is a structure in which neither pupils nor patrons nor citizens of the town generally can take any pride whatever.

The citizens of the district are practically agreed that a new building is needed. Some, however, want the money raised in one way, some want it raised in another, while some think it will cost too much to erect a new building; taking the position that what was good enough for the fathers is good enough for the children and will be good enough for generations yet unborn. The result of the election mentioned above showed that those in favor of a bond issue lacked only a little of being in a majority.

The meeting of citizens on Tuesday afternoon, called to discuss the matter, was called to order by Dr. C. T. Wyche, of the board of trustees, who stated the object of the meeting. Dr. Wyche was chosen chairman and Mr. B. B. Schumpert secretary.

Dr. Wyche briefly outlined the three plans by which the money for a new building could be raised: 1st, by private subscription; 2nd, by levying a 2-mill tax; 3d, by a bond issue.

Personally, he favored the issue of bonds because he thought it the easiest and most equitable way. If a bond issue were decided upon, however, immediate action should be taken because the legislature was now in session and it would be necessary to secure legislation in order to an election. Prof. Counts, he said, had secured from Architect Milburn plans for a building. It was estimated that a wooden building would cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000, while a brick building would cost \$4,000. It would be necessary also to purchase a lot in another location. Dr. Wyche spoke along this line at some length, showing the urgent necessity for a new building and favoring issuing bonds,

purchasing a lot and going to work at once.

Mr. H. C. Moseley offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That twelve conservative persons be appointed by the chairman to consider the practicability of erecting a building, what kind of building is needed, where it should be located, and report to an adjourned meeting."

Mr. Moseley supported his resolution in a short talk. The expense of a new building should be taken into consideration, he said. He for one didn't want Prosperity to get in the fix of her sister city, Newberry.

After the adoption of the resolution the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Chairman Wyche immediately called a meeting to be held in the old school building next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In accordance with the resolution passed, he has appointed the following committee: H. C. Moseley, R. L. Luther, Godfrey Harmon, Dr. J. S. Wheeler, J. H. Hunter, T. A. Dominick, R. I. Stoudemayer, J. M. Wheeler, A. P. Dominick, J. L. Wise, J. C. Counts.

### PROSPERITY'S FINANCES.

There seems to be no danger of Prosperity getting "in the fix of her sister city, Newberry" by voting bonds to erect a new school building.

The present debt of the town is \$1,000, part of a debt of \$1,600 incurred in the erection of the city hall during the year 1902. A tax of two and one-half mills was levied to retire this debt and has already paid \$600 of it and with the increased amount which will be derived from it incident to the growth of the town,—the erection of a cotton oil mill, stores, etc., etc.,—the remaining \$1,000,—the town's total debt—will be wiped out in less than two years more.

Before the erection of the city hall Prosperity had no debt and her citizens paid no taxes except the two mill school tax levied by the school district. The income derived from fines, street duty, etc., was sufficient to pay current expenses. The total tax paid by her citizens now, including the two-mill school tax, it will be seen is only four and one-half mills. A considerable sum is now derived from the dispensary and if no additional debts are incurred in less than two years Prosperity will again be paying not a cent of tax except the school levy, or if the tax continues to be paid it will simply accumulate in the town treasury.

This is a brief statement of Prosperity's financial condition.

In this age of educational advancement it is rather remarkable that a town practically without debt will tolerate such a school building as is located in Prosperity.

### Fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Bennie William Clary, of the Herald and News force of types, will on February 1st drop his stick and rule for a day and take a piece of wood in some shape or form to the home of his sister in the country—the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Matthews, where and when will be celebrated the fifth anniversary of the marriage—the wooden wedding—of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

## THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF LEE.

APPROPRIATE EXERCISES HELD IN THE OPERA HOUSE ON TUESDAY.

Cross of Honor Conferred On Veterans By Daughters—Scholarly Address By Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

Exercises appropriate to the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, the South's most distinguished soldier, were held in the opera house on Tuesday at noon, under the auspices of the local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy at which time the Southern Cross of Honor was conferred by the Daughters upon a number of veterans and an admirable address was delivered by Dr. George B. Cromer.

The stage had been appropriately and beautifully decorated by the loving hands of the Daughters. On the right was suspended the flag of the James D. Nance Camp, No. 336, United Confederate Veterans, and on the left the banner of the Jno M. Kinard Camp, No. 35, United Sons Confederate Veterans, both wreathed with evergreen. In the centre was suspended the banner of the survivors of Williams' Guards, Co. B., 3d South Carolina Regiment—a field of blue emblazoned with the eleven golden stars. On the right was a large picture of Gen. Robert E. Lee, entwined with gray moss, and opposite was a stack of guns. Evergreen and gray moss were tastily draped and festooned throughout.

Seated on the stage were Dr. E. P. McClintock, chaplain of the James D. Nance Camp; Mrs. O. B. Mayer, Miss Neville Pope, Mrs. Robert D. Wright, and Mrs. George Johnstone, representing the Drayton Rutherford Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and who pinned the crosses on the veterans, and Dr. George B. Cromer.

Col. O. L. Schumpert, adjutant of the James D. Nance Camp, presided.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. E. P. McClintock. Dr. McClintock's petition was fervent and eloquent, returning thanks that General Lee was what he was and that he was enabled to do what he did, and beseeching that the Christian virtues and excellencies which adorned the character of their distinguished leader might come with renewed force into the lives of the Southern people.

Adjutant Schumpert called the James D. Nance Camp to order and the following new members were elected:

J. H. Dowd, Co. H., 13th Regiment.

S. S. Abrams, Co. F., 20th Regiment.

I. Z. Abrams, Co. B., 7th Cavalry.

The "Bonnie Blue Flag" was feelingly rendered by a select choir, the audience standing.

### DR. CROMER'S ADDRESS.

Dr. George B. Cromer, the orator of the occasion, was introduced and delivered an eloquent and inspiring address, picturing the heroism, the courage and the devotion of the Confederate soldier, who knew how to die and who knew how to live; clearly bringing out the truth that the cause for which the Southern